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I N T E L L I G E N C E A D V I S O R Y C O M M I T T E E

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 30 April 1957

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., * Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Mr. Howard Furnas, * acting for Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral C. B. Martell, Acting Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters,
United States Air Force
Captain S. B. Frankel, acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Alan Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative
to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes
23 April Meeting
(IAC-M-286)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report
No. 351

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Noted.

3. Information Report to IAC
on the Defector Program
(IAC-D-8/29, 23 April;
Limited Distribution)

Noted.



5. Scheduling of New Estimate

The Chairman circulated to the members copies of a communication from Mr. Armstrong to Mr. Dulles, suggesting the initiation of an estimate dealing with problems which might arise if foreign countries other than the USSR and the UK should acquire capabilities

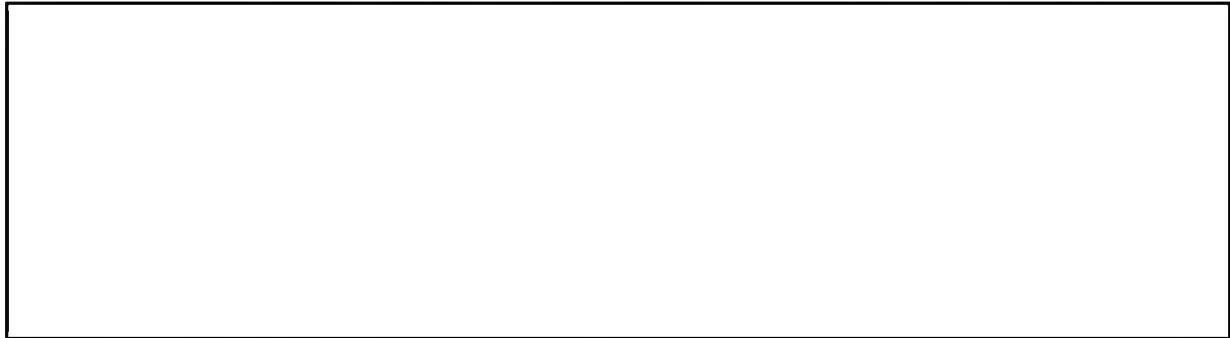
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with nuclear weapons. Mr. Kent noted that the Board of National Estimates favored this proposal, and the members agreed to undertake such an estimate, with a target date of early July for IAC consideration, subject to a further check by Mr. Armstrong as to the 25X1 suitability of this timing.



7. Report of Ad Hoc Working Group
on Arab-Israeli Situation
(25 April 1957)

Noted this report. The members also agreed that appropriate amendments (to page 5, Chart IV and Map II) should be prepared and disseminated

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8. Review of Crisis Situations

a. Middle East Situation

The members reviewed recent developments in the Middle East, with particular emphasis on factors affecting the Jordanian situation and possible moves by the Israelis, Syrians or other countries in the area. In addition, the members discussed certain aspects of the Egyptian internal situation, as well as the possible political consequences of the illness of the Premier of Lebanon.

b. Honduran-Nicaraguan Situation

The members also exchanged views on recent developments affecting relations between Honduras and Nicaragua.

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Board of Consultants
(Memorandum to IAC, 24 April;
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The members considered and approved (in renewed discussion following item 10) the proposed draft reply by the Director of Central Intelligence to the communication from the President's Board of Consultants with respect to the current intelligence activities of the intelligence community, as amended in the light of their discussion.

10. Revision of NSCID No. 1
(IAC-D-105, 24 April)

Mr. Dulles commented generally on the nature of various recommendations by the President's Board of Consultants with respect to foreign intelligence activities of the components of the intelligence community, and outlined the steps which were being taken to reply or otherwise respond to those recommendations. In the course of his remarks, he emphasized his feeling that, over the past few years, members of the intelligence community had been achieving by agreement and mutual understanding a very great improvement in the intelligence effort. He also expressed his confidence that the members would cooperate with him as in the past in further developing and improving coordination of the community's activities, and generally carrying out the President's mandates.

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After noting that no final action was expected at this meeting on the proposed revision of NSCID No. 1, Mr. Dulles, together with General Cabell and [redacted] explained the reasons for certain of the changes proposed in that directive. With respect to procedure to be followed in reviewing the NSCID's, the members agreed that tentative IAC approval first be obtained on a revision of NSCID No. 1, after which the members would consider revisions of other NSCID's on the basis of their tentative draft of NSCID No. 1, with final action eventually to be taken on the group of NSCID's as a whole. In accord with Admiral Martell's proposal that an ad hoc working group initially consider the revision of NSCID No. 1, the members agreed to establish such a group, on a high-level basis, under the chairmanship of

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[REDACTED] In this connection, Mr. Armstrong stressed the importance of reviewing all the NSCID's in the light of the circumstances under which they were originally drawn, the experience with them and the degree of mutual trust now existing within the intelligence community.

The Chairman then reviewed again and discussed with the members the general nature of, and action being taken with respect to, recommendations by the President's Board on matters other than the revision of NSCID's. He also circulated to the members drafts of his interim responses to recommendations No. 2, No. 4 and No. 9, inviting comments but noting that the members were not bound by these interim replies.

11. Mr. Armstrong's Departure

The Chairman stated that since Mr. Armstrong was being reassigned this would be his last meeting as a member of the IAC, and welcomed Ambassador Cumming as his designated successor.

The Chairman then noted that Mr. Armstrong had served on the IAC longer than any other member; that he had greatly assisted in developing the work of the Committee to its present level of effectiveness; and instructed the Secretary to prepare a statement formally recording the appreciation of the members for the long service and valuable contributions which Mr. Armstrong had made to the IAC and to the production of National Intelligence.

Adjournment: 1250

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Secretary

SECRETARY'S NOTE

No objection having been raised by a member, the Secretary has authorized release to USIA of NIE 80-57, "Political Stability in Central America and the Caribbean Through 1958," 23 April 1957 (IAC-M-286, Secretary's Note 4).

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ALSO PRESENT

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Mr. Sherman Kent
Mr. Huntington Sheldon
Mr. Otto Guthe
Mr. Herbert Scoville, Jr.

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Department of State

Ambassador Hugh S. Cumming, Jr.
Mr. Howard Furnas
Mr. William McAfee

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel Bill G. Smith

Department of the Navy

Captain W. S. Howell

Department of the Air Force

Colonel Harold Cotter
Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr.

The Joint Staff

Colonel M. A. Berry, USAF
Colonel C. H. Dayhuff, Jr., USA

Federal Bureau of Investigation